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**Safe Boating Through
Education**

From The Commander Cdr Dick Howells, JN



Well it looks like after 3 years this will be my last article for the 'Log' as a Squadron Officer. (*Take a short break here to recover from your shouts of joy and relief.*) It has been an adventure for me that I will not soon forget. I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the Squadron. We have really come a long way and it is because of those who gave of themselves to the organization.

In particular I want to thank our instructors. We are a public service organization dedicated to the education of boaters. Our instructors are the best. They have really contributed to our success and will certainly shape our future. Nationally the United States Power Squadrons are moving from a dues supported organization to one supported by our marketing and educational efforts. I think we are ahead of them.

Also, a lot of thanks to Captain Helen Deitrick- Kovach. Almost 3 years ago BJ Smith and I realized that the old pot-luck dinner meetings were losing favor (flavor?) with the members and decided to cook. It didn't take long for Helen to chase us out of the kitchen and take over the meals for our meetings. She has worked tirelessly ever since and we have seen a sustained income that more than replaced the donations from various groups using the building. And of course there was the District 26 Change of Watch. As Chair, Helen organized and ran the whole thing. That was a monumental undertaking and she did it all!

Special thanks must go to Past Commanders Clark and Walsh. When we lost our XO and Admin. Officers they stepped up and filled in admirably. Without their help this could have been a disastrous year.

For the future I wish the incoming Bridge and ExCom great success. There is no reason our squadron could not be the largest in the District. There are plenty of

boaters out there; we just have to go find them. We must really become the 'go to organization' for boating education, safety and fun.

Of course and, as usual, I will see you on the water!

Dick

Executive Officer P/C Art Clark, AP



Don't forget to support our flea market sale on 7 November at West Marine in North Charleston. See our article in this month's Log for more details. We need some help (donated items) to make this successful.

The Charleston Squadron has submitted 15 Cooperative Charting Reports to date in 2009. We have 13 members who went out on 15 Charting Cruises in 2009. The Charleston Squadron achieved the Honor Roll status for Cooperative Charting and was awarded an Honor Roll Certificate at the recent District 26 Conference. Charleston's Cooperative Charting efforts helped District 26 achieve Honor Roll status. As for the latest Cooperative Charting Report from NOAA, District 26 leads USPS nationally in Cooperative Charting points.

Many thanks to all for making this a successful year especially Angela Ireland who got the ball rolling before work commitments consumed her time. I was happy to assist in this effort and believe we have done a respectable job. Thanks also to the Bridge and EXCOM members and to our commander Dick Howells for all their time and support. This month we begin a new year which I'm sure will be a great one! Thanks to all who have stepped forward to make it so!

Art

**Administrative Officer
P/C David Walsh, JN**



November is a month of transition at the Charleston Sail and Power Squadron. Saturday 21 November 2009 is our Change-of-Watch ceremony and dinner. This year it is aboard the Yorktown at Patriots Point. This is the only formal occasion in our squadron's year. The ceremony includes a presentation of awards in recognition of our members' accomplishments and work on squadron activities. In addition to awards for accomplishment, there are light-hearted awards such as an award for the best story teller and worst boating error of the year. So please plan to attend the change of watch and welcome the 2010 team of Squadron Bridge Officers.

Another upcoming event is our Annual Christmas Party. This is scheduled for Thursday 10 December 2009. It will be held at Squadron Headquarters and takes the place of our December Member Meeting. Holiday style food will be provided, and we will have our usual "Chinese Auction" gift exchange. So dust off that old Santa hat and holiday sweater and plan to attend this fun-filled evening.

The Charleston Sail and Power Squadron hosted the USPS District 26 Conference and Change of Watch the weekend of 2-4 October 2009. Those who attended enjoyed a Wild West Party, an excellent meeting program and the District Change of Watch ceremony. Our new District Commander for 2010 is Betty Walton. Betty is a very enthusiastic and energetic person. We are certain that her leadership at the district level will be of great benefit to our squadron.

The keynote speaker for the D26 Change of Watch was USPS National Treasurer Richard Peoples. He spoke

about the new Boater Certification Program that USPS is developing. This new program targets a range of boaters and types of boating. The hallmark of this concept is the USPS *Seminar Series*. These short seminars address specific boating topics and needs with a two-hour format, and valuable take-away guides. Each seminar provides credits toward the soon to be released *Boat Operator Certification* program, and credit toward elective courses. More news will be forthcoming as the Boater Certification program becomes finalized.

Dave



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Flea Market Sale

Call Art Clark (843-849-9467) with any donations you have. He will pick up if needed. Or, take them to Art or bring them to the flea market. The flea market will be located at West Marine in Charleston at the intersection of I 526 and Rt. 17 south. We will have a booth. We plan to set up at 0800 and be there at least the rest of the morning.

In the past, this has been a great fundraiser for the squadron. While we hope to sell mostly boating items, we will take anything of value. Please make this a must item for your support. And please come look around. There are generally some good deals to be had.

Take a Squadron Course

We have the schedule for next year's spring classes. Course offerings are subject to instructor availability and student interest.

Spring Course Schedule:

17 February 2010	Advance Piloting
01 March 2010	Piloting
02 March 2010	Sail
03 March 2010	Cruise Planning.



Happy November Birthdays

02 November	James W. Page
04 November	Timothy S. Barnett
05 November	James F. Bonheimer
11 November	Marge Bannon
15 November	Elise B. Jorgens
19 November	H. David Coleman
19 November	C. Stewart Darby III
20 November	Johan G. M. Prins
21 November	Robert B. Miller
22 November	Charles R. Smith
24 November	Ira V. Davis
25 November	Bill E. Wright
26 November	Bill L. Arceneaux
28 November	Betsy Porter
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Squadron Change of Watch 2009
on board the
Aircraft Carrier *U.S.S. Yorktown*
1830 - 21 Nov 2009

Come join the *Charleston Sail and Power Squadron* as we celebrate the installation of our new
Bridge and Executive Committee.

Menu

**Fennel crusted and slow roasted PRIME RIB of beef carved on station
BREAST of CHICKEN stuffed with Brie cheese and apples
Rosemary Roasted potatoes
Italian Green beans with chive butter
Garlic mushrooms
Caesar Salad
French rolls with honey butter
Pecan pie with whipped cream and a Grand Marnier infused Strawberry**

\$40.00 per person

A cash wine and beer bar will be available

We must pay for all reservations by 14 Nov 2009. Therefore, please send your reservations and a
check for your payment made payable to
Charleston Sail and Power Squadron.

to

Squadron Treasurer Rick Cone
183 Grove Street
Charleston, SC 29403.

Make sure he has your payment before 14 November.

You may call him with credit card payment at 843-722-1640.

District 26 Fall Conference and Change of Watch - A Huge Success!

For those members of the Charleston Squadron who came out on Friday night to Edisto Hall I do not need to tell you what a great party it was. The venue is great – think about Edisto Hall for other functions. The weather was most cooperative, the food was great and the entertainment was top notch. James Rowe did his usual outstanding job on the meat, and the sides were different and got gobbled up quickly. No leftovers – what you want when you do something like this. Kudos to David Walsh and his team – the skit got better as the evening progressed! Audience participation was good and that made it even more fun. The dueling banjos were an excellent addition. All of you who were there enjoyed the great talent of my friend Steve Jacobs. He is an outstanding musician and contributed greatly to the evening.

The rest of the weekend went along without a hitch. Many thanks to Glenn and Mary Workman who manned the registration desk Friday afternoon, Diane Smith-Williams, Ross and Carol Burgess, Larry and Dona Jean Dorminy and Kathy Rogers who manned the Hospitality Suite for the weekend. I could not have done this without your help. Thanks also to Kathy and Frank Rogers and Larry and Dona Jean Dorminy for running around collecting Silent Auction items. I think our collection was over the top and was certainly under appreciated by those in attendance. We did make some money but not nearly what we had hoped.

Dinner on the Yorktown was a great success and the sunset was to die for – I wish I could take more credit for that, but all I did was set the time so that everyone could enjoy it. A special thank you to my husband, Bob Kovach, YELLA FELLA, who tolerated all the craziness for the many months of planning and organizing that went into making this Conference a success. He was a great help on Friday running around getting ice, hauling stuff to the Hotel and generally being available for last minute “stuff”.



Bob Kovach (Yella Fella) and Ed Kridler (Tonto)

Thanks to those of you who supported our efforts by contributing to the Silent Auction and also attending part of the weekend. This function was my last official function for the Charleston Squadron as I need to spend my energies at home getting *Allez!* ready for our extended cruising. It has been an interesting two years, and I have enjoyed meeting many of you as you have gone thru the food line at our monthly meetings. I wish you all good luck in the future.

Captain Helen Deitrick-Kovach
District 26 Fall Conference and Change of Watch Chairperson

The Charleston Squadron's own "Not Ready For High Tide Players" put on a western skit at the District 26 Friday Evening Party. The skit was entitled "The Great Wild West Ashley Bank Robbery." The cast consisted of nine Charleston members with three D26 Officers who played the "Desperados." Squadron members Ellis Thomas and David Walsh provided guitar and banjo music during the performance. Here are some pictures from the party and western skit.



Audience Instructions



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Wendy Walsh, Ed Kridler and Betty Walton



Saloon Girl Joyce and Squadron Barmaid Wendy



Desperados at Saloon and Headquarters



Scene from Wild West Ashley Bank Robbery

More Wild West Picture



Three Desperados Plan to Dynamite the Bank



Saloon Girl Joyce with Piano Player

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 - Vertically for a duration of one minute.
 - Horizontally and parallel to the boat's center line for a duration of one minute fore and one minute aft.
 - Horizontally and perpendicular to the boat's center line for a duration of one minute to starboard and one minute to port.
2. Each battery must be installed so that metallic objects cannot come in contact with the ungrounded battery terminals.
3. Each metallic fuel line and fuel system component within 12 inches and above the horizontal plane of the battery top surface as installed must be shielded with dielectric material.
4. Each battery must not be directly above or below a fuel tank, fuel filter, or fitting in a fuel line.
5. A vent system or other means must be provided to permit the discharge from the boat of hydrogen gas released by the battery.
6. Each battery terminal connector must not depend on spring tension for its mechanical connection to the terminal.

taken from *For Safety's Sake*

Boats Wanted for Christmas Parade of Lights

The 28th annual Charleston Parade of Lights will be on Saturday, 5 December this year. We need both decorated boats in the parade and marker boats on the water.

If interested in being a marker boat, contact Steve Kromer at skromer@telecomdb.com or 843.768.1861. All marker boats are from Charleston Sail and Power Squadron and have the best "seats in the house" for the Parade of Lights.

Decorated boats are also required for the Parade of Lights. Only the Starboard side of the boat has to be lighted as this is the side seen from shore. There are two divisions: Power and Sail each with a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Two years ago a CPS boat won second place in the sail division. There is a small registration fee for boats in the parade and the chance to win \$100 or more in prize money. If interested in being in the parade contact City of Charleston Office of Cultural Affairs / Ray Swagerty at 843.724.7414 or SwagertyR@ci.charleston.sc.us. Also let Harl Porter at 107Harl@sc.rr.com know that you will be in the Parade of Lights. He can give suggestions on boat Christmas lights.

Charleston Sail and Power Squadron points of contact are Steve Kromer and Harl Porter.



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Upcoming Events

- 07 November - Flea Market at West Marine, Charleston
- 21 November 09 - Squadron Change of Watch, USS Yorktown
- 5 December 09 - Parade of Boats, Charleston Harbor
- 10 December 09 - Annual Christmas Party, Headquarters

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